



Mike Pool

State Director, Bureau of Land Management California

State Director Mike Pool has served BLM for more than 30 years at all levels of the agency, ranging from a field office to assignments at the Department of the Interior in Washington. In his current position as State Director for BLM in California, he oversees 15.1 million acres of public lands in California and another 1.5 million in northwestern Nevada, and a dedicated workforce of more than 900 employees spread throughout 16 offices.

He views his current assignment as his most challenging to date, given the diversity of both the resources and people in California. His program responsibilities range from administration of three national monuments, two national conservation areas, and 78 wilderness areas to overseeing more than 10 million acres open to motorized recreation, dozens of mining and oil and gas operations, livestock grazing, timber harvesting, and protection of wild horses and burros.

Prior to California, his career spanned diverse postings in Colorado, New Mexico, Alaska, Nevada, Washington D.C., and the Department of the Interior. He held a wide variety of managerial and technical positions during his tenure in these offices and diversified his experiences in numerous BLM programs.

An Arizona native raised in New Mexico, the 53-year-old Pool holds a B.S. in wildlife science from New Mexico State University. His interests include hunting, fishing, hiking, swimming, travel, reading, and music. He and his wife Nancy, a nurse administrator, have been married for 33 years and have two grown children, Jessica and Justin.

Personal statement: "My six years here in California have been exciting, educational, and challenging. I am most proud of the accomplishments of our employees in completing and implementing landscape level plans to guide management of the public lands under our care in close cooperation with the publics we serve."

